

REMARKS

By the present amendment, the title has been amended, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate therein the subject matter of claim 2 and allowable claim 5, claims 2 and 5 have been canceled, claims 3, 4, 6, and 8 have been amended to depend on claim 1 instead of claim 2, and claims 16-17 have been canceled.

Further, new claims 18-19 have been added. Support for new claims 18-19 is found in the original application, in particular in original claims 1-2.

Claims 1, 3-4, 6-15, and 18-19 are pending in the present application. Claims 1 and 18 are the only independent claims.

In the Office Action, the Declaration is objected to as not mentioning the citizenship of all inventors.

A substitute Declaration listing the citizenship of each of the inventors is submitted with this paper. Accordingly, it is submitted that the objection should be withdrawn.

Next, in the Office Action, the title is objected to as not descriptive.

The title has been amended to read “OPTICAL FILM HAVING LOW CHROMATICITY VARIATION AND LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY USING THE SAME.” Accordingly, it is submitted that the objection should be withdrawn.

Next, in the Office Action, claim 16 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as anticipated by US 6,565,974 to Uchiyama et al. (“Uchiyama”).

Claim 16 has been canceled. Accordingly, the rejection is moot.

Next, in the Office Action, claim 17 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by EP 1 160 591 which names Fujii as an inventor (“Fujii EP’591”).

Claim 17 has been canceled. Accordingly, the rejection is moot.

Next, in the Office Action, claim 5 is acknowledged to contain allowable subject matter, but claims 1-4 and 6-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over US 6,342,934 to Kameyama et al. ("Kameyama") in view of US 6,812,983 to Arakawa et al. ("Arakawa").

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate therein the subject matter of claim 2 and allowable claim 5. Accordingly, it is submitted that the rejection is moot.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the objections and rejections should be withdrawn.

In conclusion, the invention as presently claimed is patentable. It is believed that the claims are in allowable condition and a notice to that effect is earnestly requested.

In the event there is, in the Examiner's opinion, any outstanding issue and such issue may be resolved by means of a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of the response period. Please charge the fee for such extension and any other fees which may be required to our Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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